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Chief defends Hunter Lumber fire call

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Staff Reporter

In the weeks since the M.W. Hunter Lumber fire in Gooderham, controversy has plagued the Highlands East Fire Department, and in particular, the municipality's fire chief Don Middleton.

Members of the community and political candidates alike have slammed Middleton's handling of the blaze, which gutted the municipality's single largest employer, in both public meetings and letters to the editor. In fact, some have even insinuated that, if elected, they would see to it that the fire chief would be out of a job.

The bulk of the controversy centres around which of the municipality's fire halls were called to respond to the fire. Questions have been raised as to why crews were called out from Cardiff and Highland Grove (which are up to 45 minutes from Gooderham), rather than from Wilberforce. Others, such as reeve candidate Dave Burton, chairman of the Haliburton County Fire Department's Mutual Aid program, have questioned why crews from Dysart weren't called to assist Highlands East firefighters in their efforts.

But despite the criticism over how he chose to handle the fire, Middleton stands by the decisions he made, and asserts that he dealt with the situation in the best possible manner.

"Obviously the first station called was the one in Gooderham, right beside the

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The murder party

Kim Barrett is McKenzie and Philip Lawr is Willy in *A Party To Murder*, playing at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce Friday and Saturday October 20 and 21. The Loop Troupe presentation is about a murder mystery party where all the guests start dropping like flies. Tickets are available for the show at Agnew's General Store for \$8, or \$10 at the door. Show time both nights is 7p.m..

Night sky will guide Santa's way to Haliburton

The Village of Haliburton has decided to try a night Santa Claus parade for the first time in recent history.

The parade will be on Friday evening, Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m..

The BIA, sponsors of the parade, have been considering this move for a few years. "We've heard about the success Fenelon Falls and Huntsville have had with the spectacle an

evening parade presents and numerous people have suggested we try it" says Andy Glecoff of the Haliburton BIA.

"The BIA came to the Lions

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Debate focuses on Dysart's growth

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

It seems highly unlikely that a bypass around the village of Haliburton will be on the agenda of Dysart et al council in the next four years.

At Friday night's all-candidates' meeting at the Haliburton Legion, the four candidates for deputy-reeve dismissed a bypass as a possible solution to Haliburton's traffic congestion problems in the summer.

Jim Copeland raised the issue. He said he was first stuck in traffic on Haliburton's main street in 1953 and the situation hasn't improved since.

"I don't think a bypass is a good idea," said downtown businessman Jim Henwood, who is competing with fellow downtown businessmen Walt McKechnie and Bob Nichol, the manager of the downtown LCBO, to defeat incumbent reeve Davis.

"What I'd like to see," Henwood continued, "is widening York Street, moving the caboose and widening the street [where it intersects with Maple Avenue]." This would allow truck traffic to avoid main street.

McKechnie said the traffic was only bad for seven or eight weeks in the summer. He too wanted a compromise so there wasn't as much truck traffic slowing down everyone else. "If it's a problem for eight months a year I'd be in favour of [a bypass] but for eight weeks I'm not."

Nichol said, "It's pretty exciting to see the traffic. Nothing wrong with it." Often the drivers are cottagers who come into town to do their shopping and they should be thanked for supporting local businesses

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ognized by Maclean's magazine for the second year in a row. The company was critiqued on such things as communications, benefits and skills development.

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In addition to these criteria, the Mediagroup editorial team also examined their charitable efforts and involvement in the community.

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Dysart answers call to move phone booth

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the October 10 meeting of Dysart et al council.

In response to public concerns, council has decided to investigate alternative locations for the telephone booths currently located at the northeast corner of Highland and Maple in Haliburton village. The issue has been raised during past council meetings by members of the public who feel the phones obstruct the view of motorists attempting to turn at the intersection. The booths' placement also hinders the removal of ice and snow from the sidewalk, said Ken Langdon, owner of the Home Hardware store.

Last week, Reeve Murray Fearrey agreed that the phone booths have long been a contentious issue for some residents, and as a result, council has a duty to act.

"It's time to look at alternatives, and that's what we should be doing," said Fearrey.

By passing a resolution, council has given a green light to municipal workers to investigate and seek out a new location for the booths, particularly one that would still be accessible to teens and patrons of the Molou theatre. The telephone booths in question are said to be the most used in all of Haliburton County, so keeping them within relatively the same area will be the ultimate goal of council.

In the past, some have suggested the phones be placed at the opposite corner, in front of the new drug store being built. This could require permission from both Bell Canada and the building's owners. Others have suggested that public telephones be available right inside the theatre itself, or along the building's outer wall.

New parade time and route

Santa Claus is still coming to town, but this year he'll be taking a different route.

Susan Norcross of the Haliburton BIA and Jim Frost, parade marshal for the Haliburton and District Lions Club, met with council to request that this year's Santa Claus parade be allowed to follow a different route than years past, in hopes of avoiding any steep climbs for those involved in the event.

"We're trying to avoid the uphill," said Frost. "I actually had one band say they wouldn't come if they had to march up hills."

Council agreed to the proposed route, which will commence at the United Church parking lot on Pine Avenue, head south, and turn west on to Highland Street. After making its way through downtown, the parade will turn north on York Street, across from the Echo office, and will disperse at Head Lake Park.

The 2006 Haliburton Santa Claus parade will be an evening affair, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 24.

A new face in town

Council was pleased to acknowledge the recent addition of part-time pharmacist Doug Stewart to the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

As the FHT pharmacist, Stewart will not be dispensing any medications and will not be promoting one pharmacy over another. Instead, he will work closely with family physicians to ensure that all patients are properly educated when it comes to their medications, particularly if that patient is on several different medications and needs guidance on how to manage their dosages.



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Can't see the car behind the phone booths? It's there, and that's one of the reasons residents are concerned about their location against the pole on the corner of Highland and Maple Streets.

Group allowed trial use of arena

SIRCH Community Services will be allowed to use the upstairs space at the Dysart arena free of charge, but only on a trial basis, until the end of December.

At last month's meeting, council received a request from SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson requesting access to the upstairs space one day a week throughout the year, free of charge. The group wishes to use the space for the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC), which helps vulnerable children access and eat more nutritional food, as well as access clothing, medical support, school readiness programs, and other support services.

At that time council denied Robertson's request because it could interrupt the daily operation of the arena throughout the summer months, while also incurring costs that would have to be made up by taxpayers. As a compromise, council has now passed a resolution allowing the group to use the space on Wednesdays until the end of 2006, since no additional staffing will be necessary during the ice season.

Since a long-term commitment is being requested by SIRCH, the trial use will allow the municipality to assess the impact on the facility, and will also give the newly elected council the opportunity to consider the request.

The municipality has received similar appeals for free or reduced rate use of the arena but council has historically denied such requests for fear of setting a precedent for the community's numerous charitable causes.

River needs a clean-up

At the request of Mark Metcalfe, president of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association, council has agreed to begin talks with Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding the build up of materials in the channel between Haliburton Lake and Oblong Lake. It was last dredged 57 years ago, and since that time a large amount of materials have built up along the riverbed.

This impedes boat traffic at certain times of the year.

Council agreed that this was an issue that needs to be addressed, but said they must first contact the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans before moving ahead. Likewise, if any dredging is to be done on the channel, it will most likely have to wait until next fall, when water levels have dropped off significantly.

Seasonal road headaches

Richard Hunt, a resident of Precipice Road (formerly Long Lake Road East), presented council with a small petition signed by a number of neighbours requesting that the municipality provide winter maintenance for their road. The area is currently zoned as seasonal, meaning the municipality has no obligation to provide any such maintenance, but Hunt said that municipal plows already come within 200 metres of his property, and wondered why the route couldn't be extended to accommodate his residence.

Fearrey told Hunt that municipal staff would survey the area personally, in order to judge whether the area is serviceable. He also told Hunt that under most circumstances the onus would lie on him, and not the municipality, to provide winter access to his seasonal residence.

This is the second time in as many months that council has received requests for winter maintenance in a seasonal area.

This growing trend has led council to consider placing a flag on building applications, to make certain that all those who build in seasonally-zoned areas are aware that the municipality is not responsible for winter access to their cottages, even if they decide at a later date to live there year-round.

"You have to ask the question. When you know that it's never been maintained in the winter, what do you think is going to happen," said Fearrey. "That's why you get a building permit for a cottage, and not a residence."

Pat Kennedy brings 26 years of experience to top EMS job

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Pat Kennedy is the county's new Emergency Medical Services manager.

The Haliburton resident has been a paramedic in the county since 1980 and will replace Bob English who left the department this fall to become the EMS operations manager for the city of Peterborough.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity county council has given me to serve the people of Haliburton County," Kennedy said after his appointment on Wednesday.

Kennedy started out with the Haliburton ambulance department 26 years ago. A few years ago, the Haliburton service and the Minden service joined forces to become the county's EMS department, with English as its inaugural manager.

Kennedy's résumé also includes one year as the executive director of the Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission during the Harris government.

Last Wednesday morning, Kennedy was still the acting manager when he gave his report to county council. It turned out to be a good one.

The county's EMS department has received one of the best audits possible.

The Ministry of Health says the department has "substantively met" all requirements and in many areas has exceeded expectations.

Members of the audit team travelled with six ambulance crews and reported that the "staff were in all cases professional and dedicated to patient care." They noted that the paramedics were "professional, courteous, well managed and compassionate."

"That's a tremendous report," county warden Murray Fearrey said.

Kennedy responded, "We're pretty thrilled with it."

The audit team did notice some areas that need to be addressed and Kennedy's report included how this will be done. For instance, some equipment in the ambulances needs to be secured to prevent it from falling in case of an accident.

As well, the service has not quite met the expectation that it responds to 90 per cent of calls within 26 minutes and four seconds. It's at 26 minutes and 59 seconds. Kennedy reported that several administrative changes are in place to help reach that target.

CAO Jim Wilson cautioned that there is a downside to such an excellent report. "We're at a standard and we have to maintain it and make sure we don't fall behind."

Meanwhile, council is hopeful that as the construction season slows down more contractors will respond to the second tender for the addition to the Haliburton ambulance base.

A proud day for OPP

Monte Kwinter, the province's Public Safety and Security Minister, was the first in a long line of dignitaries to be paraded into the celebration of the recent opening of the new OPP detachment building in Minden. The open house, which also included the OPP helicopter and displays from the tactical units, gave the public a chance to view the new \$1.2 million facility as well as meet with some of the "province's finest" in their new surroundings. The 3,200 square foot building, located across Highway 35 from Tim Hortons in Minden, has been 10 years in the making.

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The day after the night parade, Santa will hear Christmas wishes

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Club early in the year to ask us for our opinion and our help and our members overwhelmingly supported it," says Jim Frost of the Haliburton and District Lions Club.

Santa will be available for the kids on Saturday Nov. 25 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery.

The parade route will also be changed this year to avoid the difficult uphill climb. The parade will start from the Haliburton United Church at Pine and George St., proceed to Highland Street then right along the business section to York Street.

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Wilberforce not called in case of other fires

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incident," he says. "They were the first to arrive on scene, while the second station to be called was Highland Grove, and the third station was Cardiff. And there are two good reasons for that."

Middleton says that the Highland Grove station was second to be called because it has a 6,000 litre per minute pumper, which is the municipality's single largest piece of equipment. Likewise, Cardiff was dispatched because they are the bearers of the municipality's newest piece of equipment - a 3,000-litre-per-minute pumper with a compressed air foam system which allows the unit to use approximately one tenth of the water supply.

"It can take 500 gallons of water and turn it into 5,000 gallons of foam...It has a great deal of extinguishing capability," he says of the Cardiff pumper. "So we had the first arriving unit as the unit from that ward, and then the next two largest pieces of equipment that have the most extinguishing capability."

The pumper from Wilberforce, also ranked at 3,000 liters per minute, was left behind in order to guard the rest of the municipality, says Middleton. Because of its central location, it was seen as the most suitable choice to respond if there was

another fire in any pocket of the municipality. As well, because the fire at M.W. Hunter Lumber had been burning long before anyone called in the alarm, it was determined by the first responding crew that there was little of the building left to be saved.

"The first units on scene immediately told us that the building was fully involved, which right away tells us that we're not going to save very much. It's not a life-threatening situation, and the damage is pretty much done," Middleton says.

"The fire started somewhere between one and three hours before we even got called. Some people felt, 'Well, Wilberforce should have gone and you could have saved the building,' but no, the building was gone before we even got called. There was nothing there to save."

"If we had got the call an hour or an hour and a half earlier, the situation would have been a lot different," he says. "There would have still been a large fuel load there for us to try to extinguish."

Instead, Middleton made the judgment to leave Wilberforce on stand-by because it is a fully-operational hall with a pumper, tanker, rescue vehicle, and a well-rounded team of personnel. In addition to that, the Wilberforce hall could also call

their satellite station in Tory Hill for backup if necessary.

"If we had taken all of our fire apparatus down to Gooderham, and then say a fire had broken out in a residential place in Wilberforce, Highland Grove, or anything east of Tory Hill, the likelihood of us being able to get

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DON MIDDLETON

there to rescue a person would be almost nil," says Middleton.

And it's for the same reasons that Dysart's fire crews were not called to assist on the call. Since the Gooderham crews were already dealing with the blaze and two other departments were on their way, and since the fire had nearly exhausted its fuel source, Middleton made the call to deal with the issue internally, rather than request additional manpower from Dysart.

"There was no reason to call Haliburton. They would have arrived on scene about the same time that the fire was basically extinguished," he says. "When

they got there, and I know the people in Haliburton to be very qualified and expert people, they would have looked and said, 'Well, there's nothing really here to extinguish...the fire's been burning for hours.'"

In addition to that, Middleton notes that Dysart has only one fire hall, which means if their volunteers were called to the Gooderham fire that morning, the entire municipality could have been left unprotected, and either Minden Hills or Algonquin Highlands would be left to cover for them, creating a sort of domino effect.

"I'm sure that would have made the residents of Dysart a little uncomfortable," he says. "The real rule that you look at here is 'risk a little to save a little, risk a lot to save a lot.'"

By Middleton's rough estimate, the peak of the fire most likely occurred between 3:30 and 4 a.m., which suggests that it was literally burning for hours before the local fire department was even alerted of the situation.

Because the blaze broke out in the wee hours of a foggy morning, while the majority of townspeople were fast asleep, and because the building was made of solid concrete with a steel roof, no one was conscious of the fire until nearly 5 a.m., when the roof had at least partially caved in and a malfunctioning oxy-acetylene tank exploded.

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"The person who called the fire in had seen the glow in the sky earlier when they went to let their dog out. They thought it was a little bit odd, but did not make a 911 call at the time," says Middleton. "But some time later they heard an explosion, and that would have been the acetylene tank going off. By that time the evidence confirms that the building was already past fully involved and the ceiling had already started coming in."

Middleton says he was obviously quite sorry to see the Gooderham sawmill go up in flames, but under the circumstances he maintains that his decision-making was sound, and that his crews did all that could be expected of them. In the end, he hopes to see the community recover and rebound from the devastating fire, perhaps with a greater sense of fire safety awareness in light of misfortune.

"It's a tragedy when these things happen, and it was obviously a very important part of the economics of the area," he says. "I'm hoping that the owners rebuild, and when they do, I'm sure that there will be some of the more modern safety precautions designed in the building."

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For a lack of ideas

THIS MIGHT BE A CYNICAL point of view but it appears that in Dysart et al, anything is possible – as long as the money is available, of course.

That's certainly an opinion many people in the audience of Dysart's all-candidates' meeting walked away with. With the exception of a bypass around Haliburton village, the candidates agreed to nearly every idea from the audience. The candidates' only caveat was that funding would have to be available. Where this money would spring from wasn't very clear. Since the candidates all wanted to help keep property taxes down, the logical conclusion is that it won't come from Dysart council.

There seemed to be a particular lack of ideas coming from the front of the Legion hall. There were lots of platitudes but responses to questions that included

original ideas? You could only wish.

When someone asks about improving bicycling opportunities, why not say that whenever there's road construction in the municipi-

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ality there should be consideration for a half-metre bicycle path. Yes, this would cost more money but there would be a resulting growth in tourism to offset it.

Recycling? There will have to be warnings followed by fines if people don't learn how to put the paper in the paper recycling bin and plastic, metal and glass in the plastic, metal and glass recycling bin. Maybe the municipality could help by painting the bins different colours and then providing ratepayers with two free home recycling bins of matching colours.

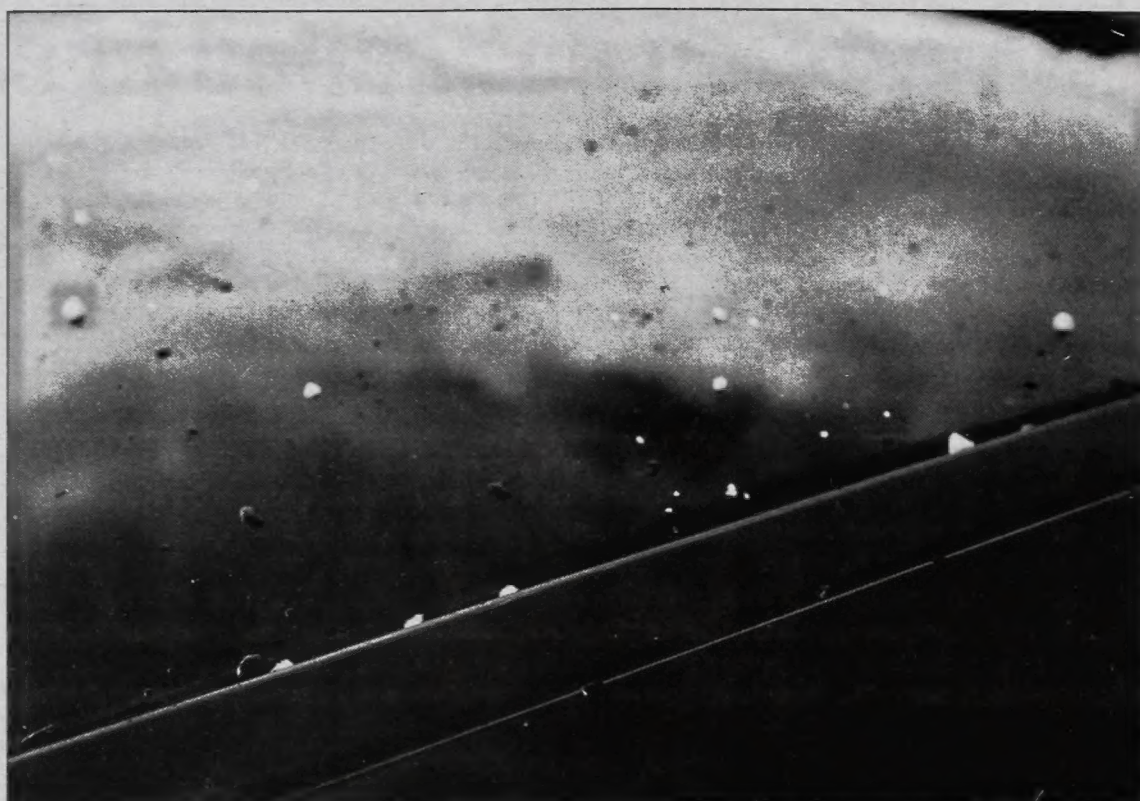
Worried that Haliburton's main drag will become a cookie cutter image of other towns now that we have so many corporate retailers coming to town? Change the zoning bylaw to encourage parking at the back of buildings instead of on the streets so that the first thing that catches your eye when you drive downtown is not row on row of parked cars.

Instead we heard that bicycling was good and would be supported. Ditto for recycling. And growth is good as long as it's monitored. Whew.

But is it fair to expect politicians to be the ones with ideas? A council full of ideas people would be a disaster because most ideas people aren't very good at all the small details that go along with making them reality. You need a good bunch of people with "do-er" skills as well. Councillors need to be able to listen and respond. Sometimes they'll have the luxury of being able to research a subject first, but there are many times when they'll be expected to act like Solomon right then and there. An ability to build consensus would be a handy trait, too.

A politician doesn't have to have an answer for everything or an idea of how to fix every problem. Candidates would be wise to pick one idea, maybe even two, and then develop it further so that it's a cornerstone of their campaign. Waste management would be a good place to start, especially since mandatory recycling is about to come into effect. Talk to neighbours and friends to find out what they'll need to know to make it easier to recycle. Take their ideas and make them their own. You don't have to be the originator of original ideas; you just have to be the one who clearly expresses them.

Meanwhile, let's all be grateful for the local volunteers and organizations who have, traditionally, been our ideas people. Where would we be without them?



Snow flakes in fall

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Can't beat 'em? Delete 'em.

EVERY MORNING, GIVE OR TAKE A few, I come down to my computer and check my e-mail. It's something that one is obliged to do. It's very much like real mail. Every day, I stop and check the mailbox out at the highway, as does everyone in this fair land. We wouldn't think of not picking up the mail. 'Don't forget to pick up the mail'.

But e-mail, I'm beginning to think, is slightly different. If I sit and calculate how much of my daily clutch of e-mail messages are of any use to me, I might have second thoughts about having it at all.

Okay, I know it's probably my own fault for allowing pretty well everyone in the known world to know my e-mail address, but I just haven't found the time to sit and take them, one by one, off the list.

My junk mail function doesn't seem to really know what is junk and what isn't. I don't know where Bill the Basement Man got my e-mail address, but I get a helpful hint on rebuilding my basement every week. I also get a monthly secret message from people in Africa and other exotic places around the world, giving me the opportunity to be the middle man in moving \$25 million that was left in their custody, if I would be so kind as to allow them to put it in my bank account. I hate to think that these people somehow obtained my e-mail address, and can establish a link to me electronically.

It seems that somehow, despite the 'we value your privacy' claims made by most reputable contacts, we are somehow gathered demographically into groups. If I happen to purchase a small table saw over the net, I somehow get into the 'handy man' category. (If only they knew.) As a result I will receive a constant supply of information for every tool that most handy men have in their fully equipped workshops, including routers, drill presses, full-sized lathes – things I would dearly love to have at my disposal – but, alas,

unlikely to find a home in my living room.

But having ordered a table saw suddenly makes me a hunter, fisherman, pick-up-truck-driving, four-wheeling, camping, L.L. Bean-attired, kayaking, canoe-paddling outdoorsman. Which I wish I was, but really am not.

I bought a new pair of ice skates for my son and myself a few years back. So I'm now a hockey player? Nope.

I play on-line poker (free games only) so now I'm considered a compulsive gambler. I don't think I'm allowed to print the stuff this category sends my way.

I once bought some cooking software over the 'net, so I'm now Julia Child. I'm not sure what this does to my masculinity, but what can one do? They

don't care as long as there's a .01 per cent chance that I might order something.

I know there is a 'cease and desist' sort of thing at the bottom of every e-mail and every so often, when I'm feeling particularly officious, I sit down and spend an hour (before my eyes glaze over) clicking on these escape mechanisms. But unless you're dealing with Coca Cola or General Motors, or some other very reputable marketer, these 'Please leave me alone' buttons don't work very well. Or, at least, for very long. I find that they may stop for a while but before you know it, they're back, sometimes under another name.

So, what's a poor semi-computer-savvy guy to do? Put up with it, is what. If you can't beat 'em, delete 'em. I will not divide the number of e-mails that are junk by the number that are valuable because it would just depress me.

The way I look at it, it's something like TV. We look at all the commercials that we don't want to see because they bring us a show that we do want to see.

Same with e-mail. If I get one good message, it makes the other 75 worth it. I think.



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My little passenger

IF I HAVE ONE PET PEEVE, it is parents who go over the top, bragging about their kids. I accept that the youngsters deserve it; heck, there are some great children out there who ought to be proud of their accomplishments. But what I hate is when one parent or the other takes undue pride in the child's accomplishment to the point where their small part in it is actually overshadowing the child's accomplishment.

Tales from



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Some boast so hard about it that you actually begin to wonder if they think that all the credit ought to be theirs. It's as if their lives are so mundane that they have to live vicariously through their children.

Thankfully, I am not one of those people.

My daughter Carmen, for instance, has just been awarded the highest accolade a vehicular passenger can win, the coveted Certificate for Being an Outstanding School Bus Passenger, but you won't hear me

brag about it.

No, ever since September 29th, when the gala award ceremony was held on Mr. Castonguay's bus, I have not spoken nor written about this outstanding – their word, not mine – accomplishment. Instead, I let my child bask in the limelight and did not once comment about how none of it would have been possible without me, no matter how true.

Some parents would have suggested that their kid might have never won this prestigious award if not for the sound upbringing they provided, but fortunately I'm not one of those.

True, the Galeas have always been renowned, natural-born passengers. My great-uncle sat in the second seat of a bi-plane torpedo bomber in the Second World War. My father was, by all accounts, an excellent passenger on the destroyers and aircraft carriers he worked on.

So, I suppose it should come as no surprise that I too was born with this highly regarded ability. As far back as I remember, in fact, I have been complimented on my passengering skills. Whether it is my fine form or talent to choose the right travelling music, who can say? All I know is that countless people have commented on what a joy I am to travel with. Many taxi drivers have invited me to do so again.

With that in mind, it should be no surprise that I have passed along my world-class passengering gene. The surprise is that I haven't stopped there.

No, even natural ability needs to be refined – all great coaches know that. That's why, ever since her first stroller ride, I've instilled good passengering techniques in Carmen. This award is not just some accident, you know.

My wife says that perhaps I'm taking this grand achievement a little too much to heart. She has even gone so far as to suggest that maybe Carmen, being in grade two, is a little too young to have an updated resume in which her Outstanding School Bus Passenger certificate is highlighted.

Between you and me, that's because my wife has never been what you'd call a good passenger. She talks at inopportune moments, fails to take note of the varying physical states of road kills, and often regales me with unasked-for navigational advice and driving tips. Her technique is shabby.

Still, she has some raw traits that contributed to my daughter's outstanding ability as a passenger – otherwise I wouldn't have got serious with her in the first place. My wife has good posture, for instance. And being tall, she possesses a better vantage point, which is critical if you want to see interesting things early – one of the main duties incumbent upon a good passenger. Moreover, she's absolutely conscientious about vehicle safety.

When we met, I knew that these traits, combined with my natural flair for being a passenger, would produce offspring with highly developed passengerial instincts. And, as you might have deduced, from our award, all my hard work has paid off too.

Now, when Carmen grows up, if we can just find her a mate with excellent conversational skills and a pleasant inside voice, I think my grandkids might go very far in passengering indeed. Can you say dynasty?

Anyhow, the point is, despite the fact that my daughter will soon be one of the great passengers of all time, I'm not bragging or taking credit for this as some parents might.

Sure, we'll frame the certificate and hang it in a place of honour, but I won't put any undue pressure on Carm to win the next one. I don't want to make it so that she doesn't enjoy competing.

Now, if you'll excuse me, she and I are going for a little drive. If we're going to get serious about this, she needs to work on her road kill identification...



These two friends from long ago are fondly remembered by many Haliburtonians: Norm Roberts, who used to own the grocery store where the CIBC is today, and Grenville Dart.

The photo was taken maybe 75 years ago in front of Clayt Hodgson's house on Pine Street. Our thanks to Joe Iles of Haliburton for sharing his memories.

pic of the past

letters to the editor

Asphalt plant would mean MNR policy shift

To the Editor:

Re: Bark Lake quarry's fate is in MNR's hand, Echo, October 3

The democratically elected council for Highlands East, on behalf of its constituents, passed Resolution #2003-248 which opposes any application from Royel Paving (Beamish Construction) to install and/or operate an asphalt plant at this location.

According to the above article, a civil servant, Bill Hutson, the Ministry of Natural Resources' Minden supervisor, asserts that he will decide whether or not citizens of Ontario will get their first-ever permanent asphalt manufacturing plant on Crown land in this province at the Bark Lake location.

In an e-mail dated Sept. 12, 2006 Mr. Hutson at long last admits that up until now "...no Crown lands have been approved for the use of a permanent hot mix asphalt plant." This current proposal would result in a dramatic policy shift in the use of publicly owned Crown lands without any public consultation.

More importantly it represents a serious disconnect between the democratic process in theory and in practice! Those in government who

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Neighbours shouldn't fear the term 'condo'

To the Editor:

Sometimes one word can create a perception in our minds, simply by what it has been traditionally associated with.

The word "condo" tends to conjure up the image of a high-density, high-rise apartment-type structure. This is not the case with our proposal for Silver Beach, which will be an adult "lifestyle community" consisting of individual detached bungalows and spacious low-rise townhouse units.

This lifestyle community will be registered in the form of a condominium, in that it will be a self-contained, self-sustaining community with the homeowners sharing in the responsibility and cost of services, infrastructure and maintenance of all common elements within the development.

The residents of this type of community are generally a more mature, environmental and health-conscious type of homeowners.

They will have pride of ownership and will share our concerns for our lakes and this community while living a low maintenance lifestyle and enjoying all that Haliburton and the surrounding areas have to offer.

We believe that this type of permanent, lifestyle

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Deputy-reeve hopefuls nix bypass, like Silver Beaches

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which can, in turn, contribute to community groups.

The traffic is "a little hairy" for two to three months a year, said Davis, but a bypass would affect primarily local truck traffic. The other trucks are delivering goods to main street businesses and there's no way to get around that." Before approving of any option, he'd need to see a study that showed it would alleviate the truck traffic congestion.

The four deputy-reeve candidates were asked the bulk of questions but it was a question to Ward 2 candidate Derek Knowles that got the ball rolling. (Since there are 19 candidates in Dysart, the traditional four-minute opening speech was abandoned to allow the evening to focus on ratepayers' concerns. The evening was sponsored by the *Haliburton County Echo* and Canoe FM, which taped the debate for future broadcast.)

Knowles was asked about a comment in his brochure against high-density development. Was he against the Silver Beach condominium proposal which is not high density, the woman asked.

Knowles said he has not said he's against the Silver Beach development, just that he would "monitor it very closely."

"This is a good project; don't be afraid of it," he said. The Lake Kashagawigamog association has been involved in the project and council "has done a good job" in addressing concerns. He questions, however, whether the road has the capacity to handle the traffic.

Silver Beach's proposal came up again later in the meeting. Deputy candidates were asked their opinion on lake and Wigamog Road capacity and how the development would affect residential properties on the road.

"Silver Beach is a positive thing for our community if they follow all the guidelines and get all the proper certificates," McKechnie said. "Definitely something will have to be done with the road."

Nichol said "the road is definitely in bad shape and needs a lot of work. If the road is properly done we'll have a better road." Such developments bring people to the area. He noted there was a public meeting on October 30.

Davis said the condominium development is "one of the best I've seen." The owner is easy to work with and understands where the municipality is coming from. The road will have to be realigned.

Henwood said that more affordable housing brings families to the community and families bring commerce. The proposal does have a green space area. As long as standards are met it's a good development.

The next question was whether the deputy-reeves would support the construction of a swimming pool.

"In a minute," Henwood said. The money to build it can be raised locally but the problem would be ongoing operating costs. User fees would be prohibitive if it was expected to break even. Dysart couldn't afford a pool but maybe the county could.

Nichol said that it would be a good idea to build a pool when the Dysart arena needs to be replaced. The arena is a money-loser but it is worth the investment because it "provides a great service to our kids."

"I agree we need something like that," McKechnie said, and maybe there's money that the municipality can source to help pay for it. He'd do some studies about its feasibility.

Davis said the idea has been floating around for quit some time. "It's a bit of a dilemma," he said. It would have to be a county initiative to be sustainable. To build it as part of an arena complex would be pushing the

costs very high. Before spending any money on such an expensive initiative, Davis said he'd ask for a plebiscite.

What about protecting the integrity of our shorelines, Ward 2 were asked.

Knowles said the municipality was always conscientious of anything that would impact negatively on the environment. Water, however, is under federal jurisdiction and "whenever a project is outside the norm" other ministries must pass judgement. "I'm not sure if there's much more that we can do," he said, adding that he's very concerned about boat traffic. "You should live on my lake," said the Kashagawigamog resident. "It galls me to see people doing 100 miles an hour [in a boat] when you can't drive a car a hundred."

Jamie Cowen said there are setback rules to protect lake environments and he would like to see the health unit more involved.

Dennis Casey said council has to "work hard" to ensure that rules and regulations are enforced. He praised lake associations' lake stewards for monitoring water quality. "That's one of the biggest tools we have. They're in the trenches."

Gary McDonald wants watershed-based source protection. As a member of the county's environment and planning committee he said they are looking into that. He noted that in 1994 the Ministry of Health inspected local septic systems. Ten per cent of systems were identified as being sub-standard but nothing has been done since. He suggested hiring retirees to undertake another septic inspection program.

Deputy-reeve candidates took the next question about what could be done to provide good jobs that would enhance people's quality of life.

Davis noted that the county hired an economic development officer as a way of attracting business to the Highlands and last week the county hired a tourism coordinator "to shake the bushes." The new Fleming College campus, which council supported, is an important source of job creation.

Henwood says the municipality needs to ensure that high-speed Internet services are available to the whole area; this would enhance home-based industry. He'd like to clean up the industrial park area. "If I was a real estate agent I'd be ashamed to take people to some places."

McKechnie would like to concentrate on opportunities for youth. There are great opportunities in the trades and the hospitality industry. The college has been positive and "it would be nice to have" a couple more businesses such as Patient News Publishing.

Nichol noted the county's economic development office has an annual budget of \$400,000. The area has been attracting national companies because they realize growth is coming. Patient News was a "great" company and high speed is coming to the county. The Haliburton County Development Corporation can be tapped into to give companies a start.

Ward 4 candidates finally got an opportunity to speak when asked about the condition of Redken Drive. Ken Barry agreed it was in pretty bad shape and said if money was available it was very important to fix it. Janis Parker said she'd lobby on ratepayers' behalf.

Ward 1 councillors were asked their vision of Haliburton in 2010.

"I hope I'm here in 2010," Chester Howse quipped. "I think Haliburton will still be the thriving community it is today. Some of the companies moving here is a good sign. It's incumbent on us to make sure it continues to happen."

Andrea Roberts would also like to see continued growth. "I'd like to be on council to help steer it so it

goes in the direction we want."

Would deputy-reeves be in support of a cycling plan? "I'm in favour of any recreational opportunities," McKechnie said. He'd be in favour of enhanced cycling routes "if proper funds are available. We would need studies and go from there."

Nichol said "It's a great idea." He'd support a strategic plan on how best to achieve it. Haliburton is a natural attraction for cyclists; "it's something we should all be doing."

Davis noted the work being done by Trails and Tours and endorsed creating more multi-use, non-motorized trails as a way of attracting people to the area.

"Multi-use trails is a no-brainer," said Henwood. He and his family go to other areas to cycle "because we can't find a good path [here]."

Asked how they'd make people recycle more and properly, Davis said Dysart is getting serious about recycling. The first step is educating people. When mandatory recycling is implemented, the municipality will probably have to hire people to monitor visitors to the landfill to make sure proper steps are being followed.

Henwood would like the county to take a serious look at incineration. It would be an expensive proposition with existing landfills used as transfer stations. It would create jobs by bringing garbage from all areas to one site which could operate around the clock.

McKechnie agreed it's a big issue. "The government should be looking into the European way. I don't know why the powers that be aren't doing more. They should be looking at Europe."

Some municipalities, Nichol said, turn recycling into money-making ventures such as using old tires for road resurfacing. The Ministry of Environment must lead the way "but we can lead the way at home, too."

Ward 1 candidate Andrea Roberts said she'd make herself available to ratepayers as a way of keeping them informed. Larger issues need more public debate, she said. If ratepayers have any questions or concerns, "you know you could call on me."

Chester Howse noted council minutes are on the municipality's website and "we as councillors need to be accessible."

What about bringing together county and municipal roads departments so snowplowing is done more efficiently?

It's a very good point that council has wrestled with, said Nichol. One problem is that the county has 16-hour plowing schedule to the municipality's eight. "Council's been vigilant in watching our costs and any time you can improve things there's nothing wrong with that."

"Amalgamate - have one municipality. That's the simple answer," said Davis. "It's a very good question but there's no real solution. The only way you could get one level of government to do roads is to got to one level."

Henwood said he didn't know how the road departments worked but he'd look into it to see if any changes are possible."

McKechnie asked why the council wasn't being held accountable while praising the work of road crews. He told the person asking the question, "I hear where you're coming from."

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Municipality should preserve historic buildings

To the Editor:

In reviewing the Highlands East five-year plan I wondered if any consideration had been given to negotiating for the acreage and buildings that were the veneer factory in Wilberforce. It could be purchased, or donated to the township with an income tax benefit for the owner who seems to be hard pressed to find a buyer. There would be plenty of space for parking and building new structures. Existing buildings could, with modifications, accommodate a firehall, municipal offices and perhaps even a medical centre as well as provide space for storage.

The old firehall shouldn't cost more to fix than it would to tear it down and rebuild elsewhere on land that would have to be purchased, all at considerable cost. Doesn't it seem more feasible to renew the old hall rather than destroy it and the mural, which has become an icon in Wilberforce?

In these times when building costs are as high as the buildings why not keep the old firehall, move the library into it and use some of the space to accommodate staff from the municipal office, policing or small meetings? This would leave the old library free for offices, small meetings or possibly for sale with the proceeds going back into improvements in the township.

While change is inevitable, history is fixed to be remembered. When so much effort went into the mural to memorialize that time, the events and the people in our town shouldn't we do all we can to keep it as time goes on?

Marlene Kreppner,
Keswick/Tory Hill

Public growing cynical and frustrated

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espouse democracy should take note.

The tone of Mr. Hutson's comments in the article reveals a bias in favour of the Royel asphalt plant applicant. Many of us have experienced this same bias in communicating our legitimate concerns to the MNR office throughout this overly drawn out process beginning with the quarry in 1999 and followed by the asphalt plant application in 2003.

In dismissing what is in fact an overwhelming opposition to this application, Mr. Hutson opines that "...we are getting more letters of concern than we are of support because you tend to write letters when you're concerned." In fact there is a considerable segment of the population that has become so cynical and frustrated when attempting to deal with government that they no longer bother to express concern, or for that matter bother to vote. Presumably any reports emanating from Royel and the MNR office related to this application will be transparent i.e. not behind close doors but open to public scrutiny.

Among the very many real concerns that the imposition of this facility would bring, through increased truck traffic alone, is the denial of the continued enjoyment of property for an established

community in what is a natural environment within an eco-tourist area. To be clear, this is dramatically different from truck traffic emanating from industrial zoned land in an urban setting. Mr. Hutson would mitigate this specific concern in favour of Royel by suggesting that his applicant "...may not bid well enough to get any projects, so there might not be any more trucks." Such convoluted rationalization begs the follow up question: If Royel may not get any projects, then why on earth is a permanent asphalt manufacturing plant even being considered?

Mr. Hutson recognizes that once his decision is final "...a group of people somewhere will be left unsatisfied." Exactly what predetermined outcome decision does this suggest and what group of people specifically, did he have in mind?

The significance of this asphalt plant application outcome and the manner in which it is being conducted is infinitely greater than would be implied by the utterly simplistic and offensive closing statement attributed to Mr. Hutson "I can't just say that because it's in a tourist area, I'm not approving it."

Al Eppich
Irondale

Development is best use for property, community stands to benefit

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community, is the best possible use of our Silver Beach property, currently operating as a busy trailer park and campground.

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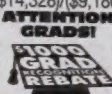
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The Echo is taking a different approach to our municipal election coverage. Instead of running profiles, we've asked each candidate five questions. We will run their answers in the weeks leading up to the November 13 election. #1: **Should cottagers get a tax break? If so, how will you make up for lost revenue? If not, how do you justify them paying for services they don't use as often?**

Bill Davis
Dysart Deputy-reeve



This is a complex question and the popular answer would be yes, we should create a special tax for those people. But the reality is all that would do would be to shift the burden to the rest of the tax base. It's like moving the problem around.

When the downloading started it was to be revenue neutral; however, when the dust had risen it was not revenue neutral and there was a fiscal imbalance that did not favour municipal taxpayers to the tune of \$3 billion.

I would like to give all taxpayers a break by forcing the provincial government to pick up the billion-dollar deficit on healthcare, social services and of course highways transferred back. That way all taxpayer would get the break.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario must keep up the fight with the present government to make municipalities fiscally sustainable and over a longer term.

The answer to your question is no but I feel the foregoing explained why.

Jim Henwood
Dysart Deputy Reeve



Wow, talk about a "loaded question".

Of course the easy answer is "yes" to giving the cottage taxpayers a break, but the reality is it can't be done with the present system. The mill rate could be adjusted, but only if the province helps out with funding some of the "hidden services" such as social housing and education.

The taxes are based on market value assessment not location of the property. So if you owned a cottage on a lake assessed at \$500,000 you would pay the same taxes as a house assessed at \$500,000 not on the water.

One of the only services that permanent residents have that seasonal residents don't is education. Most other services are available to cottagers.

In my opinion MPAC is not a fair way of determining property tax, but it is not within the power of the municipal government to change. If the provincial government comes up with a better system I would be happy to support it.

Walt McKechnie
Dysart Deputy Reeve



Cottagers and all property owners do not receive fair treatment on the valuation of their homes because their tax rates are based upon the increase in the real estate values every 3 years. This system is set by the provincial government

and local politicians do their best under the system provided by the province.

I don't think it is fair residents are forced to sell their homes because their income can't keep up with rising taxes. This is a problem for seniors if we can't provide them with affordable housing nearer town.

Market value assessment is not fair and I think we should lobby the provincial government to make changes to the municipal property assessment corporation.

We should provide affordable housing for seniors and also provide more service industrial and business land on the sewer system, which would create more tax revenue.

I think cottagers appreciate our services, hospital, ambulance, fire department, schools and roads. They realize they may not use them a lot but is great to have them. These services were downloaded by the province to the municipalities and has helped increase our taxes. As deputy reeve I will be a strong voice for you regarding all taxes.

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**Bob Nichol
Dysart Deputy Reeve**

First of all, without our cottage base this township could not survive in today's format. However having said that, I feel for the cottager who pays twice at the tax table especially in the education field.

I would recommend that FOCA, the lobby group for cottagers, approach the gov't to see about a shift in taxation.

With the idea that they pay only one time, the Local gov't has still been given the same amount of taxes entitled to them, so as not to impede the local aspect of gov't.

Every residence in Dysart et al has the same services, whether it be snow-ploughing, fire etc., although some people who live on private roads feel they are sometimes short-changed on this aspect. A point to consider is that federal and provincial gov'ts have their balanced books on the backs of the taxpayers and have left the municipal gov'ts to solve many issues, which can be unfair to all.

**Chester Howse
Dysart Ward 1**

The market value system re property tax was originally designed to be tax increase neutral, i.e. the municipal mill rate was to decrease in order to offset the higher property assessment. This market value system is not working properly as demonstrated by the provincial government's recent announcement of a one/two year hiatus on market value property assessments.

Chester Howse continued

At this time, property owners appear to be penalized for improving and/or rebuilding their dwellings. This is not fair.

As a former cottager I know that many cottagers are now using their properties year round and thus accessing the majority of available services, i.e. police, fire, emergency services, library, and other community organizations on a continuing basis. Roads and waste management services are available on an equal basis to cottagers at the same level as they are to the villagers of Haliburton.

**Andrea Roberts
Dysart Ward 1**

The question "should cottagers get a tax break?" is a delicate one. First of all, I would want to find out if it has been implemented in other similar areas such as Muskoka and if so, what sort of "break" did cottagers get? What did other municipalities do if they lost tax revenues due to such a structure?

Secondly, it might be difficult to define seasonal resident.

What if someone lives in Haliburton but goes to Florida for six months, do they get a break? My concern would be that it would create division within the community and both cottagers and residents alike should, and for the most part do, want Haliburton and the surrounding area to be the best it can be.

I think all taxpayers want to know that their money is being spent wisely and efficiently. We all want the services our municipality provides to be there whether we use them every day, every weekend, or just once in awhile.

**Dennis Casey
Dysart Ward 2**

Provincial downloading, coupled with a provincially mandated property assessment process, have resulted in an increase in property taxes. All residents of Dysart township, cottagers included, should get a property tax break. Waterfront owners are paying an unfair percentage of the current tax levy and would of course receive a higher reduction under a revised tax structure. Only the province, through changes to the current property assessment process, can rectify this.

As Dysart taxpayers we are all in the same boat. Very few of us use all of the services all of the time. To set up and administer a separate "Seasonal" or "Cottagers" tax category to amend the current process would be impractical, time-consuming and would further add to the financial tax burden of all the township residents and could possibly lead to legal challenges.

**Jamie Cowen continued**

around 32% of our taxes to the municipality, 28% to the county and 40% to education. As it stands out of our taxes we have to cover the OPP, ambulance and social housing as we get little help from the province.

If you elect Jamie Cowen I will work toward helping lower taxes for the entire municipality as it is not fair for the cottagers to pay for services they don't use often or to the people that don't have kids in school.

**Derek Knowles
Dysart Ward 2**

While seasonal residents may use municipal services for only part of the year, the municipality must make these services available on a year-round basis. It then becomes the taxpayer's choice whether or not they use these services year round.

The policy of taxing seasonal property equivalent to year-round residential property is certainly not a

new one. Although, I am able to understand and sympathize with the concerns of those having to contemplate selling the family waterfront cottage property due to increased tax burdens as a result of current assessments method, I cannot support the concept of a tax break for cottagers.

I believe that most cottagers would be less concerned with this issue if they received improved services for their tax dollars.

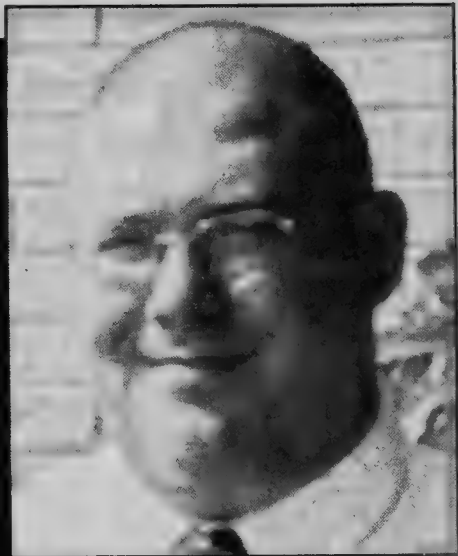
**Jamie Cowen
Dysart Ward 2**

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has to come up with another structure more suitable for our economy. Haliburton has to grow in industrial/commercial base as the burden of the taxes fall more and more on the residential property owners.



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Gary MacDonald
Dysart Ward 2



We are guaranteed three things in our lifetime: birth, death and taxes. The latter being the contentious issue. Cottage associations are not happy with equal value assessment - nor are permanent residents. But we all can live with it.

The municipality and county have strived to lessen the burden for all taxpayers. We could form a coalition comprised of cottage associations and permanent residents to work with the province in a non-adversarial, co-operative approach to limit assessment to no more than the rate of inflation.

In the interim, to enhance services to the cottage associations we could provide the following:

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Nancy Stinson
Dysart Ward 2



As a person who lives on a lake on what was originally my husband's parents' cottage property, I believe that I am justified in answering this question as a cottager/year round resident.

I too am in the situation of paying taxes for services which I don't often use.

My husband and I chose to move from our home in Haliburton (which included street lights, plowing by municipal workers almost to

Nancy Stinson continued

our door, and other wonderful things). Our taxes went up because we have lake frontage!!

I do not believe cottagers should get a tax break on services they/we do not have access to. These services cannot be broken down to who is classified as "cottager". We have people living in homes in the village who classify themselves as cottagers. We, as citizens of Ontario, pay provincial taxes put towards such items as subways, major highways, etc. Most of us here use these facilities very rarely if at all from year to year. Again, our choice.

I do, however, believe that the issue of taxation for people having lake frontage should be looked at more closely. This is one of the issues which I intend, if elected, to look into further.

Steve Pogue
Dysart Ward 3

I don't believe that giving cottagers a tax break would be in everyone's best interest. There is no way to accurately and fairly determine how often a property is used. Some seasonal residents use their cottages only on summer weekends while others spend the whole summer at their cottage and also enjoy the area frequently during the winter. In addition, there are some residents who spend their winters down south - should they be considered cottagers and also given a tax break?

Most of the services provided by the municipality must be available and maintained 365 days a year regardless of how much they are used, for example road maintenance (construction, maintenance, plowing, sanding), landfill management and recycling, policing, emergency services, planning and building department services, the arena and community centres,

Steve Pogue continued

and municipal administration. While it makes sense for everyone to pay only for the services they use, in reality this would be impossible to implement. I believe we have a better sense of community if we all contribute equally.

Mel Smith
Dysart Ward 3

In 1998 it was decided that the fairest system for distributing property taxes was current value assessment.

A fairer system for cottagers might be to relate taxes paid to benefits received; however, there are two sides to a ledger. The other side is the expenditure side. Costs like ambulance, police, health, fire protection, roads, and waste disposal are services that need to be paid regularly. All services provided are not for the benefit of permanent residents only, but provide a society that allows everyone to go about their business in a safe way and allow business and commerce to flourish for the benefit of everyone throughout all seasons.

I believe that taxes should not change so much yearly. Ontario has cancelled confusing and frustrating property tax reassessments by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation for the next couple of years to allow an investigative report on MPAC to be fully reviewed. The whole system cannot be changed overnight, however. I would support the municipality working with other municipalities to petition the provincial government to replace the present system with a system that would make property assessment and the calculation of property taxes more consistent, understandable and fairer.



Municipality of Dysart et al NOTICE CHANGE OF DATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

TAKE NOTICE that the Special Council Meeting to hear planning matters scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2006 will be held on Monday, October 30, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2006 will be held on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

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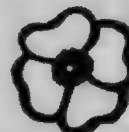
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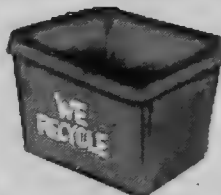


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Ross Covert
Dysart Ward 3

Everyone, not only cottagers, would like a tax break but I don't think anyone wants to drive on roads full of pot holes. Also more and more cottagers are using their cottage in the winter, therefore roads have to be plowed and sanded.

Editor's note: Because of a technical problem, the Echo did not receive the answer to the first question, What skills and experience would you bring to the council table. Ross Covert's answer is: Elected chairperson, Harcourt Community Centre - 12 years. Proven experience to work with people for the betterment of all concerned.

Ken Barry
Dysart Ward 4

This may not be a popular answer amongst the cottagers, but no I don't believe that cottagers should get a tax break. Where do we draw the line? It would be very difficult to separate the seasonal residents from permanent, year-round residents. The administration costs alone would be huge.

What about people that don't have children, but they still pay school tax? Should they get a break? What about people that own vacant lots that they don't use or visit, and therefore don't use any services? Should they not pay any taxes?

I believe that market value assessment is the fairest method of taxation. Similar basis as income tax. The more you make, the more you pay.

If your property is on the lake, naturally your property is more valuable and you pay for the luxury of owning a waterfront property. Even though the cottagers may not use their property on a daily basis, they need these services - Fire, EMS, garbage disposal, good roads - available at all times. These taxes maintain the services for all and keep our Highlands an attractive destination for everyone.

Janis Parker
Dysart Ward 5

If by 'cottager' we mean part-time resident the answer is no. Owning a cottage or second property is a lifestyle choice that most people recognize has hard costs and sometimes unquantifiable benefits. Whether

Janis Parker continued

you are a part-time resident or a full-time resident, there are overall needs and associated costs that must be shared by the whole community.

A rural municipality has fixed infrastructure costs that are exacerbated by the distributed nature of the population. Many economies of scale that are available to urban centres are diminished in cottage country. The important thing is to determine if core costs including schools, roads, waste management, environmental policing, health services and safety are appropriate and effectively delivered.

I want to ensure that value is received for every tax dollar spent and that the tax burden is fairly distributed. Our hands are somewhat tied as assessments are made at the provincial level however, I will press council to ensure that mil rates are held at the lowest possible level.

The goal for every viable healthy community is to serve and support all residents all year round. Tight cost management and innovative thinking will be the tools to deliver the most for the least.

Andy Chvedukas
Dysart Ward 5

Upon speaking to many cottagers within the ward, they have had strong views on the current system.

There has to be a change that will make the taxation system fair for ALL lakefront property owners.

The current system designed by MPAC is based on market value assessment. This system is now under review for the next several years and new ideas are being investigated by the province.

The municipality needs a certain amount of tax dollars to operate. If you reduce taxes, there has to be an increase or intake of funding from some other source.

Since the new provincial government took power, numerous services were downloaded upon the municipalities, thus leaving local councils with less money to operate.

I would like to work with council to have the province, take back emergency services and social housing or at the very least, fund these services. This would ease the burden on municipalities and in return

give them the opportunity to offer some relief to the waterfront property owner.

I would also insist that Ward 5 gets its fair share of expenditures.

Dan Kay
Dysart Ward 5

There are services, which are required all year long, such as snowplowing, road maintenance, bridges, policing, and landfill sites. Municipal services are needed throughout the year, such as the fire department and the municipal office. We determine the budget and our tax rate based on the information provided by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Unfortunately, there is no way to determine how often a person uses their property, or how many people they have, or if they rent out. For example, someone may come here only once a year and that particular time may be when they require police or emergency services.

These services are a large part of our budget, however, and must be maintained 24/7. Therefore, I do not know how you would ever determine or figure out what kind of a break and to whom.

As your councilor, I will continue to support Dysart, to maintain the lowest tax rate in the county and encourage the province to pay a greater portion of downloaded services.

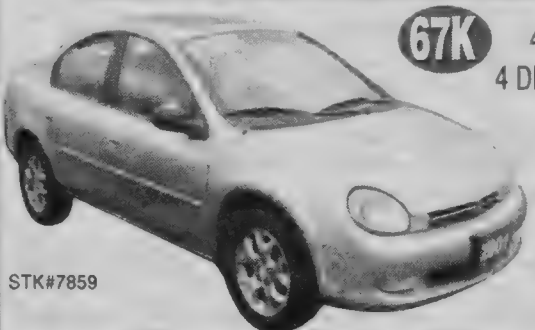
Carl Sadusek
Dysart Ward 5

It would be nice if cottagers could get a tax break but this is unrealistic. Cottagers are paying proportionately higher rates each year because most own water front property. People must pay taxes whether they own property, whether they live there full-time or not. While here they are using services in one way or another. Keep in mind many cottagers have become residents and a large number of cottages are being used year round.

Many cottagers feel the only service they are getting is road maintenance. The quality of which is questionable. I believe the quality of this service can be improved considerably. This does not

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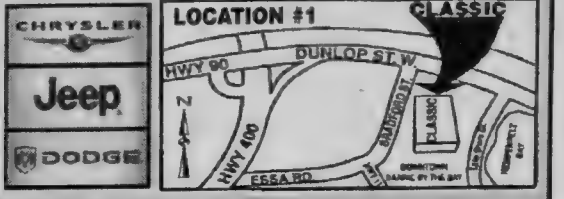
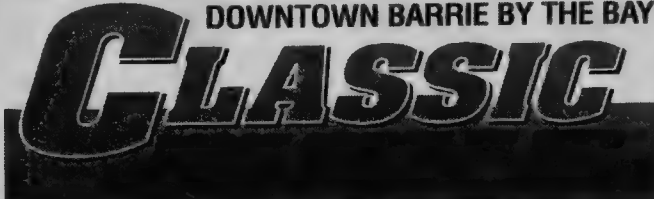
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Carl Sadusek continued

necessarily mean more money. If roads are damaged by the contractors working on private property then repairs should be made at his expense or by the landowner. Not at the taxpayer expense. If repairs and projects are completed properly then time and money will be saved.

Dave Burton
Highlands East Reeve



Everyone should get a taxation system that is more fiscally responsible – both seasonal residents and people whose homes and businesses are in this area. Our ratepayers should be represented not only at the municipal level, but our county should be having a strong voice with M.P.A.C. (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) and our provincial government so no resident feels forced out of their home by erratic and drastically increasing taxation.

While some residents may not be occupying their properties here all the time, we must maintain all services so that when needed, they are not only available, but in the case of emergency services, can respond to meet provincial expectations.

Glen Madill
Highlands East Reeve



Yes I think everyone should have a tax break. However, the Municipal Act has no provision for local councils to grant this, unless it is in the case of extreme hardship. The system is not set up to give any one segment of the assessment base a tax break. If there were, councils would have to make up the lost revenue by charging for services and that would be a colossal nightmare.

As you know the province has placed a moratorium on waterfront assessment and who knows what will come out of that. I do agree there should be a better system on water front properties. It seems to me that it all boils down to supply and demand. The more the demand, the more cottage prices go up and in return assessment is based on market value assessment and the price just keeps going up.

Bill Foote
Highlands East Ward 1

Cottagers are in a catch-22 situation for which I certainly don't have any recommendation for lessening their dramatic rise in water front taxes.

Yes their taxes are extremely high but this seems to go hand in hand with a

dramatic rise in the value of cottage land and cottages.

The unfortunate side to this is that the lower to middle income families who have had a cottage for many years or have inherited this heir-loom in some cases cannot afford to keep this property due to the high taxes.

One area where a municipality can possibly give back an additional margin of value for their taxes is in the area of cottage roads. The cottage road subject could take many forms and input from cottage owners might open up areas where enhancements would be practical.

E.g. Provide access to reasonable cost materials for road maintenance / assist in building parking areas adjacent to private cottage roads for off season parking / plow for off season parking / derive a formula to assist in developing private roads to the municipal standards and take these roads into the municipal system.

I realize this opens a can of worms with serious arguments from suppliers and contractors doing road construction but nonetheless the whole subject could be discussed with legal, municipal and cottage people.

Jim Mackie
Highlands East Ward 1

The question is for the most part moot because of MPAC and market value assessments. However, I find myself asking the same question each time I write the cheque for the taxes for our property in the City of Kawartha Lakes. Although I certainly feel for many of the seasonal residents (especially those that have owned their cottages for years and probably bought them for considerably less than the current assessed value) the fact

remains that our policing, fire/rescue, septage, landfill, building, unionized wages, management wages, equipment and rolling stock costs are increasing every year (not to mention fuel price increases in excess of 25% in the past year and a half alone).

Property crimes are considerably higher at seasonal residences which in turn increases policing costs. We see marked increases in motor vehicle accident and medical assist calls during the cottage season and holiday week-ends. If we were to reduce the mill rate for seasonal properties then wouldn't it only be fair to eliminate school taxes for seniors or for couples that choose not to have children?

For obvious reasons we can't just "roll up the streets" after the seasonal residents go back to the city on Sunday afternoon.

Basil Cox
Highlands East Ward 2

Should cottagers get a tax cut? We could ask should seniors or people that do not have children or families that have raised their children who have left home have to pay school taxes? If someone does not have a car should they have to pay road tax? It goes on and on. Where do you draw the line?

The bottom line is would you sell your cottage or property for the same money that it is assessed at today?

I do believe that all property should be evaluated on its own merits. For example if a cottage has 300 feet of rock shoreline, should they pay the same taxes as someone with 300 feet of prime sandy shoreline?



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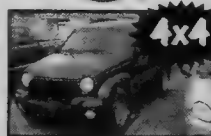
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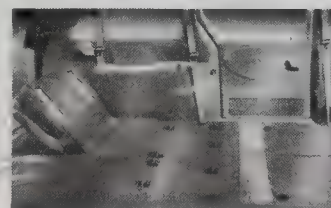
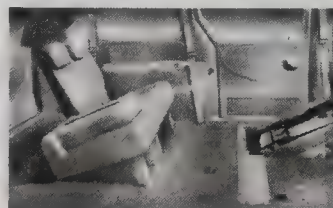
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Lea Kitter
Highlands East Ward 2

The services provided are available all year round (as needed) and they are costly. The cost of living in the 'near' north Ontario has the potential to drive long-time permanent residents out of their community. Every day amenities such as gas, food, clothing and housing are almost twice as costly as larger centres, while our wages are nearly half as much.

Should cottagers get a tax break? Yes, and so should the permanent residents. A yearly income tax credit would assist the low-income families living in the area, stay working in the area.

There needs to be a shift at all levels throughout the taxation system. The recent downloading from the higher levels of government has put a very stressful burden on the remote and smaller communities of this province. We should be thankful that we have a two-year moratorium on property assessment increases. But what will happen after the next election (2007)? Will we be hit hard again? We need to continue to express our concerns at a higher level.



Donna Graham
Highlands East Ward 3

One way cottagers could get a tax break would be to remove the education tax from the lower tier government tax system. This should have been done a long time ago as seasonal people receive no benefit from our school system. On a \$300,000 assessment this would be a savings of \$792. FOCA should be lobbying the provincial government about this issue.

Outside of that they have the use of our road system, our waste facilities, our buildings i.e. hospital, health unit, etc.

Assessment is provided by MPAC and it is up to the assessed owner to appeal it. There is no easy answer, but the local resident of the county, with the average gross income of \$27,000 a year, cannot bear the burden for lake front properties.



Chuck Viner
Highlands East Ward 3

Seasonal residents can't use our school system, however they still pay education taxes. But let's not forget that seniors don't use our school system. Should they also get a tax break? If so how about young couples and singles who don't have children?

Let's not forget we all use our roads and expect them to be well maintained. As well we use our landfills, our fire protection, our Police provide protection to all residents both permanent and seasonal, many cottagers use our libraries - and so on.

Simply put we all need a tax break but someone has to pay the bills.

Therefore our councils must be extremely careful how our tax dollars are spent. This is why Highlands East residents can be certain I will not support our current council's ridiculous ill-conceived five-year plan including the building of a new municipal building at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars. This plan is absolute nonsense.

Janis Cole
Highlands East Ward 4

Tax reform is an issue affecting everyone in Highlands East, including cottagers, single people, the elderly, families on fixed incomes and first-time homebuyers. Right now there's a freeze on property assessments, but when that



freeze thaws, it will undoubtedly unleash a flood of complaints from property owners hit with huge increases.

This alone is evidence that the property tax system needs to be reformed, and that it's long overdue.

As it is, the system of increases is too volatile. There should be a cap in place so that property taxes can't suddenly experience a 100%, or 50% or 20% increase in a single year. And that cap, at perhaps 10%, would be in effect for everyone. Secondly, the issue of equity needs to be looked at. If cottagers are carrying double the tax burden of their neighbors across the road that should be fixed. I don't have the dollar figures, or numbers of properties needing to be addressed, but I believe the entire system should be looked at, and made more equitable for everyone. Council must lead the way, and not wait for the province to make changes to the property tax system.

Gary Stoughton
Highlands East Ward 4

No. We do not set rates. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation through government regulates for all property. This is one issue that all councils will have to look at.



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The municipality of Dysart et al is conducting the 2006 municipal election utilizing Canada Post for vote by mail. Canada Post will be mailing the voting kits to all electors who are on the voters' list during the week of October 16.

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Suzanne Partridge
Highlands East Ward 2

I don't feel that cottagers should be given a tax break. The municipalities are required to provide certain services, such as waste disposal, policing and fire protection, and choose to provide other services which may include recreation buildings, parks, boat launches and libraries.

These services are provided for all residents, regardless of whether they are seasonal or full-time, and it would be impossible for councils to plan and pay for these services on a part-time or seasonal basis.

The cottager demographics have changed considerably in recent years, with many spending much more time at their vacation properties and utilizing services on a more regular basis.

Rather than offering tax breaks, we need to have a more efficient system for stabilizing assessment values. This would better provide for long-term financial planning both for vacation-property owners and municipalities.



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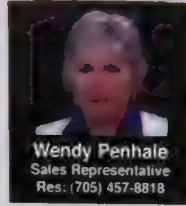
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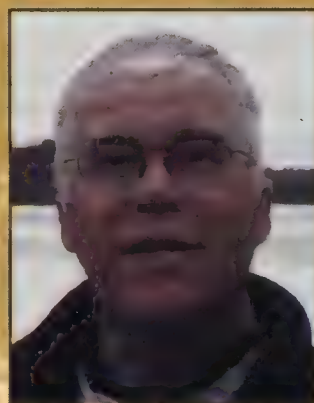
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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Valerie French (Charlie) and Philip Lawr (Willy) are seen talking to Cathy Agnew (Valerie) in a scene from *A Party To Murder*, a who-dunnit showing at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce this weekend. Shows run Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. with tickets still available from Agnew's General Store and at the door.

REAL ESTATE



CENTURY 21 GRANITE REALTY GROUP INC. expands professional team to include Tom Ecclestone

Derrell and Kim Stamp, Broker of Record/Broker/Owners of **CENTURY 21 Granite Realty Group Inc.** are pleased to announce that Tom Ecclestone has joined our firm as a sales representative.

Tom settled into Miner's Bay area 22 years ago along with his wife Jo-Anne, a registered nurse at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, and their two sons, Steve and Ted. During this time, Tom has experienced the Highlands through various means including owning and operating a resort on Gull Lake, cottage construction and several years of sales with Prentice Power Sports. Those times afforded Tom the opportunity of meeting many new and existing residents of our area and countless visits to just about every corner of Haliburton County. He is excited and looking forward to providing new clients with his help in finding that perfect property. Tom is a welcome addition to the dedicated and professional real estate team at **CENTURY 21 Granite Realty Group Inc.**

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Troupe transforms community centre for performance

Turning the stage at the Lloyd Watson Centre into the living area of an old rustic house on a tiny island in the middle of the lake is no easy task. For their play *A Party to Murder* it has taken great efforts for members of the Loop Troupe to build the set, section by section, and assemble it. Gathering and organizing furnishings and props has required much thought and time.

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wilberforce

Hilda Clark
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Not only playing Elwood and Father Merryweather in the cast, Dan Linkert has spent house building special sections of the set, and working on sound effects and lights. Valerie French, who is directing this mystery play by Marcia Kash and Douglas E. Hughes, has been working overtime on the set and props as well. She plays Charlie, a successful novelist in the play. Her character has written a murder mystery game which the group is playing as the play opens. In the cast as well as the crew is Kim Barrett as McKenzie a fashion model who plays Evelyn, a politician in the mystery game. Dan Linkert as Elwood, a powerful corporate CEO type pretends to be a priest in the game.

Cathy Agnew who plays Mrs. McKnight the housekeeper in the game is Valerie throughout the remainder of the play.

Willy, a friendly, gregarious former football player

played by Phil Lawr is Ernie at the beginning of the game. Look for the character with his face in his house. Kasey Lewis, who plays Madame O'Karma as the play opens, is really Henriette (Henri), shy younger sister of Valerie.

They all have been busy polishing lines and co-ordinating movements as well as pitching in with hammers and paint rollers. Break a leg, gang! The play is on at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21. Tickets are available for \$8.00 at Agnews and at the door for \$10. This play is a little longer than most the Troupe has presented so if you are used to softer seats than the L.W.C chairs feel free to bring a cushion.

In spite of variable weather the Hike Haliburton Festival people carried on. We hear that the Geocaching event in this area attracted over forty participants. Thanks Mary Barker, alias Sticky Moose, for leading this new event.

The past week included a mini-vacation attending the Stratford Festival. Taking in *Twelfth Night*, *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Oliver* at the famous Festival Theatre and *London Assurance* at the Avon Theatre was a feast for the mind and spirit. Such talented actors and musicians! The constantly changing scenes and set on the Festival's thrust stage, and the marvellous set designed by Desmond Heely for the 19th Century farcical comedy *London Assurance* at the Avon are proof of the amazing talent here in Canada. Actors such as Brian Bedford, Lucy Peacock, Colin Feare, Peter Donaldson, Diane D'Aquila, Seana McKenna, James Blendick, Brian Tree and Sara

Topham are real Canadian stars.

It was good to see Barrie Wood playing several roles in *Oliver*. A song and dance man well known to many in the Haliburton area. He also appeared in *Coriolanus* and was an understudy in *Don Juan*.

Several from this area were part of the delighted audience at the concert by Natalie Choquette (La Diva) and Il Maestro Scott Bradford at the Northern Lights Pavillion on Saturday October 14, 2006. The magnificent soprano voice of Natalie Choquette and her singular humour and acting make her a wonderful concert artist. Add a very talented pianist Scott Bradford and the audience is amazed. Imagine singing opera so well and at the same time changing character and costume so easily. Try singing opera as a gymnast doing handstands on the grand piano. Try playing Brahms as a "ballerina" sings and crawls under your arms onto your lap. What a sight! What a concert!

End the weekend having Joy Fielding, best-selling author chat about her work Sunday afternoon at the Great Hall at Haliburton's Fleming Campus. Interviewed by Jack Brezina, and answering questions submitted from the audience Joy Fielding shared openly of her life and her writing schedule. She kindly signed books, including *Puppet Lost*, *Grand Avenue*, *Run Jane Run* as well as her most recent novel *Mad River Road*. Thanks to Friends of the Library for hosting the event.

Pies sold like hot cakes during bake sale

That pie sale at Maple Lake United Church went so well on Friday that there were none left to sell on Saturday — success!

Six women baked at the church ahead of time and probably felt it was worth the time and effort over the camaraderie as they worked together.

Around here, the Cox cattle have been transferred home again from their spring and summer on this pasture-age a couple of weeks before moose season. Don Cooper, Earl's nephew, has come to move in to camp on the weekend and with his uncle, to set up for the hunters of the week. His wife Betty is here to keep me company (much appreciated).

The Claridge's 50th anniversary, held at the Centre was a happy event for all who attended. George, Sylvia Claridge's whole family, all the children and grandchildren were able to attend. The hall was decorated in appropriate Golden balloons and golden shades of autumn cleaves. Music for dancing was supplied by

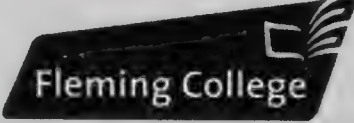
Brian Claridge's band - Bone Shaker. Square dance music by Kathleen and Earl was played for the caller, Bill Winfield, from Dunsford. Two of the ladies from St. George's Church, Chris Postlethwaite and Ave Petch, saw to the refreshments — a bountiful supply, and so delicious!

The guest book showed that about sixty people attended to congratulate and celebrate with the Claridges.

Trish and Tom Bain called in on us on Tuesday, October 10. Their home is in London, Ont. They come to have a look at Tom's mother's house on Busy Road that day.

Congratulations to Dan and Cathy Chumbley on the birth of their second daughter, Karen Grace, at Ross Memorial Hospital on Friday, October 13, 2006. Another great-grandchild for Erma Sisson.

And Frank Vanden Hoogen was with his mother, Betsie Kanters, and sister, Louise, for five days over Thanksgiving, visiting from Port Coquitlam, B.C..



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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Anne Armstrong of Oakville joins co-leader Val Smith at the head of the pack during a stretch of the High Falls Hike through Algonquin Park Friday. "I loved it," Armstrong said. There will be more Hike Haliburton photos in next week's *Echo*.

High Falls a hike with a view

As part of the 4th Annual Hike Haliburton Festival this past weekend Mel and I had the privilege to lead a number of hikers up to the Algonquin Park's High Falls. The wind whipped the trees above us creating a frenzied sound in the forest as we made our way in and around magnificent rocks and crevices.

Once at the falls we entered into that magical place where a strange and exciting assortment of trees and roots reminded one of Harry Potter's legendary walking trees. At the threshold of one rock archway we had to step over the skeletal remains of an unfortunate deer that had fallen from the rocks above; however this entrance proved to be an excellent portal to view the falls.

The water this year was extraordinarily high causing the falling waters to thunder over the rocks and cast up cold spray. As always, this natural wonderland had cast its spell over everyone and no one seemed to mind the frigid wetness. All too soon it was time to leave however; everyone had an enjoyable time socializing, exercising and sharing hiking experiences.

We had avid hikers from two Outdoor Hiking Clubs along with us and some very seasoned hikers who shared hiking trips that had taken them to exciting far away places as Mount Everest.

Get those Bingo daubers ready! Under the B! Number 31! Yes it is time for Harcourt's Fall Big Bingo to be held this up-coming Saturday, October 21st at the Harcourt Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 and games get under way at

7:00 p.m. Two \$500 jack pot prizes to be won plus a number of other prizes. For further information please call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

Just a quick reminder of the up-coming Ladies Day Out in Highland Grove to be held on Thursday, October 26th between 12 noon to 9 p.m.. This is a great day for ladies to network and learn about what is going on in the community. Also, Luann Coghlan will be on hand teaching how to make and use Victorian ribbon roses to decorate your Christmas tree with elegance. Don't miss out! Everyone is welcome to drop in and women in the area who want to promote their business are welcome as well. Tables are \$5.00 and there is only room for about 9-10 large tables so don't wait. Call Luann at 448-1589 to reserve your table.

Upcoming events:

October 18: Bingo every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre.

October 19: Progressive Euchre every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the centre. Cost is only \$2. Euchre followed by a light social lunch.

November 4: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre Ladies Committee Turkey Dinner. Adults \$10, Children ages 6 years to 12 - \$5, Children 5 years and under - free

November 11: 8:00 p.m. Annual Hunters' Dance. Dance to the exciting sounds of country rock band Neon Blue. Time: 8:00 p.m. - 12 midnight. Admission: \$10.00 per person

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Nancy Stinson - Ward 2
November 13, 2006

NO OPENINGS

Saturday, October 21st

1 Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre

Opening of Barry Prophet's
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2:00 to 4:00 pm: Reception and Artist Talk

2

Haliburton Sculpture Forest

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splashing of a huge bull as it answers a call and bulldozes toward a waiting hunter. The Aulneau Peninsula on Lake of the Woods (WMU 7A) offers special muzzleloader and bow seasons for moose, deer and bear. Non-residents must hunt from a tourist outfitter's accommodation. Outfitters are allocated moose tags, and a hunting package usually includes the opportunity to take an adult animal using one of the outfitter's allocated tags. There are non-resident seasons for whitetails elsewhere in

northwestern Ontario and the south-central deer range, where both modern rifles and muzzleloaders are permitted. Much of the southern agricultural deer range is restricted to shotguns, bows and muzzleloaders. Refer to the Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary for details on non-resident seasons, which are generally for bucks only. For deer, .45 or .50 calibre muzzleloaders are adequate. For moose and bear, .50 or .54 calibres are recommended. Get close to make your one shot count.



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While preseason scouting is still wise, and getting your clothing, boots, and other gear in order should be automatically done, there are several firearm-related items that will increase your chances of having a successful hunt this season.

Sights:

Increased numbers of hunters are asking to have their firearms sights changed to increase their chance of being successful. Since many hunters in our area harvest game less than fifty yards, they want better definition iron sights or scopes that have a low range of magnification combined with a wider field of view at closer distances. The most popular iron sight systems use fluorescent orange or green fibre optic inserts. The most popular scope systems have coated optics and well-defined dual thickness cross-hairs and magnification in the 1.5X to 5X range. For those hunters that shoot at longer ranges, a scope having similar cross-hairs and in the 2.5X to 8X magnification range with a 40mm or larger light gathering objective lens is a wise choice. The quality of all systems is excellent and the prices are very reasonable.

Service:

It almost goes without saying: keep your firearms cleaned or get them serviced periodically by a competent gunsmith. The majority of firearm problems relate to accumulated dirt and debris and are completely avoidable by following good, periodic cleaning procedures. General barrel and exterior cleaning you can do yourself. Internal cleaning involves complete disassembly and is best left to a gunsmith. A very sensible rule to follow in deciding whether you or a professional cleans your firearm is that if you have any doubts or don't have the time, let the professional do the cleaning.

Firearm Accessories:

Of the many accessories available for firearms, a quality sling is a good investment. I prefer a leather "competition" style sling that can be used for general carrying; for standing on a watch; and for steadying the firearm while aiming.

Scope caps of the "flip-up" variety are also worth having, especially if you hunt in the rain or snow.

Ammo

There's constantly new developments with ammunition. Perhaps the most noteworthy this year is ammunition equipped with soft pointed tips that can be used in rifles with magazine tubes. While an obvious advantage is that misfires are prevented by the soft tips resting on primers; another advantage is that the ballistic characteristics of the ammunition are improved to the point that the range of the firearm is significantly extended and with improved accuracy.



Sighting-in and Practice

Next to keeping your firearm clean and working properly, spending preseason time to sight-in on paper is perhaps the most important thing you can do.

There are three "tips" worth remembering when sighting-in:

Rest the forearm on your hand while at a bench rest.

For 'scope sights, you must always remember that if the sight adjustment is indicated on the sight as ? minute angle at 100 yards that one click adjustment will move the point of impact ? inch at 100 yards. This means that one click will move the point of impact 1/8 inch at 50 yards and 1/16th inch at 25 yards. In short, know that you can have a fair bit of turning of the scope adjustment knobs when the target is up close.

For iron sights, remember that you move the rear sight in the direction you want the point of impact to move.

After you've finished the paper sighting-in, take a few shots standing up, wearing your hunting clothing!

Safety

Always treat every firearm as loaded and follow the

time-honored ten commandments of safe shooting.

Legal Issues

Last but certainly not the least:

- make sure that your firearm and hunting licences are current and carry them with you.
- always carry the registration certificates for your firearms with you.
- follow transportation and storage requirements for firearms and ammunition

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Why feeding deer in winter is a bad idea

Every winter large numbers of deer gather in winter yards across the Haliburton Highlands. Many of these winter deer yards are close to communities in areas that are well-known to local residents. And, out of kindness, many people attempt to provide food for the deer. Under normal winter conditions, feeding deer is not only unnecessary, it may actually harm the animals and can even cause death.

Feeding deer in winter can lead to:

- Interruption of the natural digestive processes in the deer – from the change in food type – which can lead to death of the animal.
- Interruption of the natural migration of deer into established deer yards.
- Increase in vehicle-deer collisions as people establish feeding stations near their properties and adjacent roads.
- Conflicts with neighbours. Not all residents are comfortable having a large congregation of deer near their property in the winter. Deer will sometimes cause property damage, for example by browsing on ornamental hedges.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) offers the following advice:

1) Don't Feed the Deer:

Under normal winter conditions, deer do not need supplementary feeding. Deer have several biological adaptations which help them survive winter conditions. Deer yard-up in deep-cover forests, where snow-depth is reduced and thermal cover helps them conserve energy. They lower their metabolic rate and food intake to further reduce their energy requirements. There are situations when extreme winter weather or snow depths may create conditions that



Feeding deer can have detrimental effects.

make it necessary to implement a deer feeding program. However, emergency feeding is only necessary when natural food(browse) is not available or not accessible – for example in extreme snow depth with no supporting crust, or under prolonged (late) winter conditions.

2) Helping Deer In Winter Without Feeding Them:

Here are some ways you can help deer access natural foods in winter. Create trails to natural food. Snow depth and pre-winter condition are factors most likely to influence deer health and survival in winter. Deep, pow-

dered, un-crusting snow limits a deer's ability to move around to find food. The extra effort required to move in deep, soft snow also eats away at a deer's stored fat reserves, which can lead to a severely weakened condition, impact fawning success in the spring, and even cause death. If you want to help, use a snowmobile or snowshoes to create a network of paths to natural foods. Natural foods are woody browse from hardwood twigs or conifer needles such as cedar or hemlock. Provide natural foods. When snow depths increase and there is no supporting crust, deer won't move off established trails or break new trails to unused food resources. All browse within the reach of existing trails is eventually depleted. Natural foods (for example cedar boughs) outside the reach of deer can be cut to provide available food in areas where all browse within the reach of deer has been eaten. Please do not cut trees on Crown land.

3) If You Are Feeding Deer Consider This:

Do NOT feed hay or other high-protein foods. Deer cannot readily digest

most foods that domestic livestock eat. Feeding hay to deer can lead to physical stress in the animals and even death. Supplying unnatural food also artificially stimulates the deer's lowered metabolism, which results in stored fat reserves being burned twice as quickly. Deer use natural bacteria, protozoa and other micro organisms in their 4-chambered stomachs to digest their food. These micro organisms change over the course of the year in order to accommodate seasonal shifts in diet. During winter, a deer's stomach contains bacteria specifically geared to breaking down woody browse. A sudden shift to a different food such as hay requires a change in micro organisms, which cannot happen in a short period of time. As a result, deer cannot digest a newly introduced food. This can lead to starvation and death of an animal, despite the deer having a full stomach.

Use an appropriate feed mix. There are commercially available "deer-feed" mixes that are specifically designed to supplement natural food for deer in winter. For more information contact the MNR or a reputable feed retailer.

Don't feed at one large feeding station. The dominant deer will displace smaller deer and take most of the food. Create several smaller feeding stations so that all the deer in an area can access the food.

Don't stop. If you feed deer in winter, they develop a dependence on that food. So if you start, do not stop. The deer will need to be fed right through to the spring. The end of winter is the most critical time for deer as their stored fat reserves are depleted and most available browse has been consumed.

Do Not Let Dogs Run Loose:

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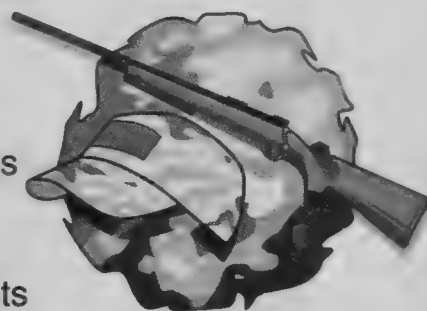
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Ethel Galvin

Ian Coleman, Zone F4 Commander, made his official visit to the branch for the general meeting on Thursday, October 12.

At the meeting, donations were approved for: Highland Storm Minor Hockey - \$400; Tony Stacey Centre (veterans' hospital) - \$500; Canoe FM Radio - \$500; Minden Agricultural Society (for children's events) - \$250.

It was approved that \$1,000 be transferred to the 1129 Cadet Corp. which Br. 129 sponsors.

The Honours and Awards Ceremony will take place in the auditorium on Sunday, October 22. Social Hour 5 to 6 p.m., dinner at 6 followed by presentations of awards.

Members are reminded that it is time to renew your membership for 2007. The names of all the 'Early Birds' (those who pay their membership before November 30) will be entered in a draw for very worthwhile prizes.

Scott Young, the provincial service officer, will be visiting our branch on November 15. Call 457-2571 before October 27 to book an appointment to inquire about your benefits etc. This service is available to all veterans. You do not have to be a member of the Legion.

The boards are on the table in the clubroom to sign up for the Poppy Campaign which begins on October 27.

On Tuesday, October 24 at approximately 10 a.m. listen to Canoe FM Radio as the presidents from Haliburton and Minden Legion are interviewed in relation to the Poppy Campaign.

In addition to darts on Tuesday nights at 7:30, pool on Wednesday nights at 7:15, euchre will be beginning on Monday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

There will be a Hallowe'en party on Friday, October 27 in the clubroom from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.. There will be prizes for costumes. Music will be by DJ Jamie Bacon.

The meat draw on Friday afternoons from 4:30 - 6:30 continues to draw a large crowd. There is now light food (prepared on the premises) available at the bar on weekends.

Have you been out to the branch to check out the "Happy Mondays"?

Share your library stories

There are millions of stories to be told about libraries. The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries and TVO want to hear yours.

Telling Our Stories is a province-wide contest that invites Ontario residents who are 18 years of age and older to share their personal stories of how public libraries have made a difference to them or their families.

"There is such a strong connection between people and their local public library," said Paula Todd, host of TVO's Person 2 Person, and spokesperson for

Telling Our Stories. "The library had a great influence on me and my career choice. We want Ontarians to tell us their own magical library moments."

The bilingual contest runs from October 16 to November 30. The top three winning stories in English and French will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,500 (first prize), \$1,000 (second prize) and \$500 (third prize). In addition, donations of \$250 will be made in the name of the six winners and top 10 runners-up to the Ontario public library of their choice.

Stories can be no longer than 500 words and entrants must be older than 18.

Stories will be voted on by the public online, and a short list will be presented to a panel of distinguished judges for their final decision.

Ontarians are encouraged to participate by visiting tvo.org/tellingourstories.



118 Crash

Police say this crash last Tuesday could have been much worse. The driver lost track of the curve heading south on Highway 118 into Haliburton, crossed the line and hit one ditch, launching over a driveway and into another ditch. If he had hit only a foot or two away, police believe he could have flipped the car. Both the driver and his toddler passenger were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

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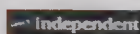
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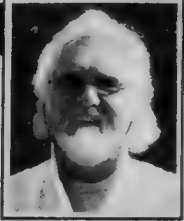
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The Township of Algonquin Highlands invites interested parties to contact Cambium Environmental Inc. for additional information or to submit comments or inquiries with respect to the Algonquin Highlands Waste Management Plan.

Information regarding the Township of Algonquin Highlands Waste Management Plan is available on the Township's web site: www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

Comments and inquiries may be directed to Cambium Environmental as follows:

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The purpose of this additional consultation is to allow members of the public and other interested parties to submit comments and inquiries regarding the development of the Township of Algonquin Highlands Waste Management Plan, which was initiated in 2003 to establish a long-term waste management strategy for the Township. The waste management planning process is governed by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, through the Environmental Assessment Act.

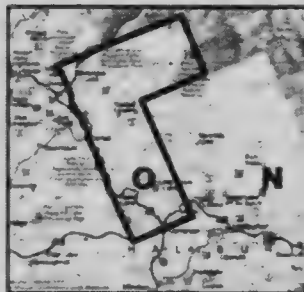
The Public Consultation Event held in July 2006 was intended to review the work completed to date as a result of the completion of detailed work studies. The detailed work studies were conducted in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Waste Management Plan as approved by the Ministry of the Environment in January 2005.

Public participation is an integral component of this process; therefore, all parties having interest in the Waste Management Plan are encouraged to contact Cambium Environmental to provide comments, information, ideas, and concerns about long-term waste management planning for the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

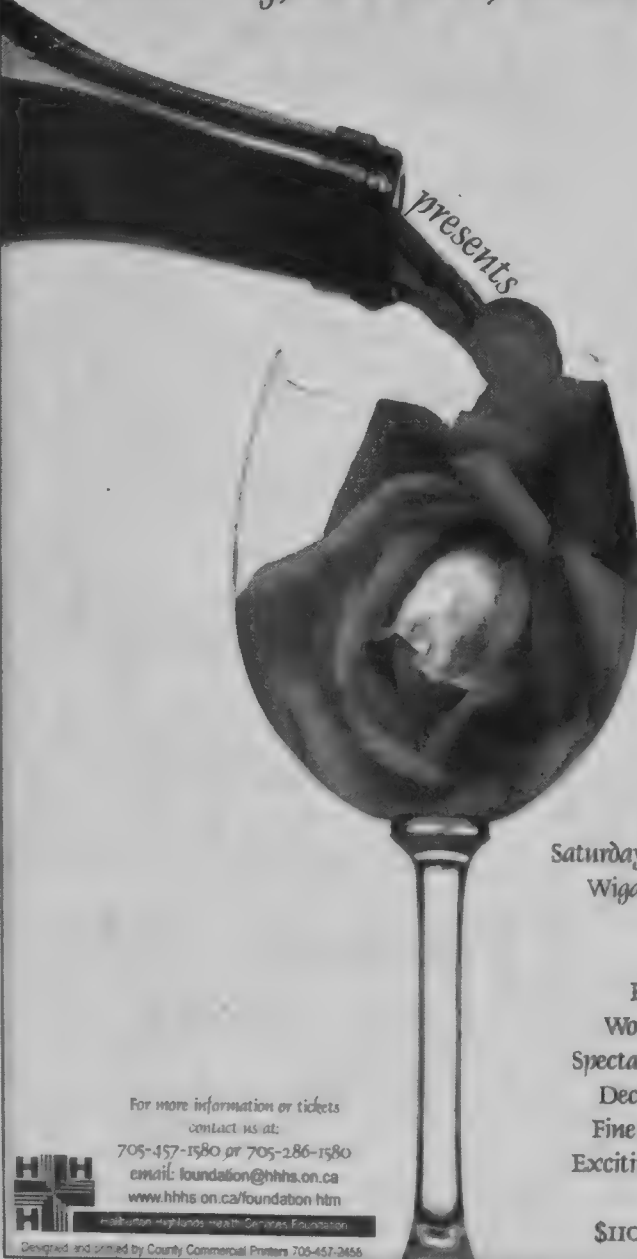
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- **Now until Nov. 9:** Ontario Early Years Children's Learning Centre in Minden - When the Kids Fight! Are you looking for less fighting and more cooperation between your children? It is possible! Join us to gain quick tips and ways to make life easier for the whole family through this 6-part workshop series. Thursdays starting Oct. 5th until Nov. 9th. To register, please call 286-4625. Light supper and childcare will be provided - please enquire.
- **Oct. 17:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting - held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Oct. 18:** Register For Next Prenatal Class. Free classes offered throughout the year by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call 457-1391 for more details.
- **Oct. 19:** Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach. Drop-in and see us every other Thursday at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents and children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, and active circle times; toy and book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy and safe; nutritional snacks; and guest speakers. Call 457-2989.
- **Oct. 19:** Haliburton, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Food Handler Course, Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301). Course teaches participants on proper ways to handle and prepare food safely. Call (705) 457-1391 for cost and info.
- **Oct. 19:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Oct. 21:** Classy Cocktail Caper. Wines, appetizers, desserts, entertainment, auction. Wigamog Inn Resort. Benefiting HHHS Foundation. 457-1580.
- **Oct. 25:** Information session on osteoarthritis of the hip and knees. Physiotherapists will answer questions and outline a home exercise program to improve strength and flexibility. The next class is Wednesday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to noon at the Haliburton Physiotherapy Department. Please register by calling 457-1392 ext. 226. Space is limited so book early.
- **Oct. 26:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thursday of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone welcome.
- **Oct. 27:** Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council - Wildlife in your Woodlot - Furbearers. Stewardship Series, cost includes lunch & field trip. Kinark Outdoor Centre, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 286-5206 for cost and info.
- **Oct. 28:** The Haliburton Highlands Writers' & Editors' Network is sponsoring the workshop Start & Run a successful freelance writing business. Club 35 at Halls Lake, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Visit our web-site at www.hhwen.org for more info. Advance ticket sales only. Call Kay Millard at 286-6635 & mail a cheque to 10 Stouffer St., Box 86, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0.
- **Oct. 28:** Victoria Place Annual Bazaar, Sat., Oct. 28 in Victoria Place Clubhouse. Located 7 km south of Bobcaygeon on County Road #17, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Delicious tearoom sandwich luncheon. Please call (705) 738-0345 for more info.

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- **Oct. to Dec.:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton - Swim & Gym. 8 sessions for families with children 0-6 years at the Wigamog Inn. Join us Friday mornings starting Oct. 13th to Dec. 1st by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989.
- **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. 705) 328-6175.
- **Township of Algonquin Highlands** - For adults and seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- **YWCA** of Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to act as home companions for a new program, YWCA Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS). For more information, call the YWCA Women's Centre at 286-1942.
- **Don't forget that Community Care** offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon, Bid Euchre every Thursday afternoon and Cribbage every Friday afternoon. All card games begin at 1 o'clock. Please call Ida at 457-2941 for more information.

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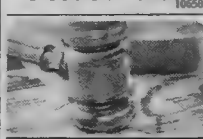
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Coming Events A940

Haliburton Community Housing Corporation

Annual General Meeting
Monday, October 23, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
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Haliburton Highlands

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Family Health Team

EXCITING CAREER TRANSFORMATION

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team is a primary health corporation dedicated to improving the health of the residents of Haliburton County. We are looking for innovative, skilled, client-centered & professional team members to fulfill these roles:

- **Primary Care Nurse Practitioner - RN(EC)** - 2 Full-Time positions
- **Registered Nurse (Baccalaureate preferred)** - 4 Full-Time positions
- **coordinators of Comprehensive Programs:**
 - 1. Seniors Health 2. Chronic Disease Management 3. Healthy Kids 4. Healthy Living
- **Social Worker (Baccalaureate preferred)** - 1 Full-Time position
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- **Team Support** - Full-Time and Part-Time positions

Please see www.hhhft.com/jobs.php for more details regarding these positions. Salaries are commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Submit written applications and detailed resumes before 5:00 PM, October 31st to:

Beth Archibald, Executive Director
Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team
Box 459, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
info@hhft.com
Fax: (705) 286-6384

Note: We thank all who apply, but only those granted an interview will be contacted.

Notices A910

Kash Landing Cafe will be closed starting October 9th and will re-open in December.

Tenders A920

TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD invites proposals from interested parties for the project listed below:

REP#	DESCRIPTION	CLOSE
07-01	Provision of Child Care Program	Oct. 20, 2006

Sealed proposals clearly marked as to contents will be received by:

Trillium Lakelands District School Board
300 County Road #36
Lindsay, ON. K9V 4S4
ATT: Mr. Dick Kearns, Purchasing Supervisor

UNTIL 3:00 P.M. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006

This proposal is in accordance with the Board's new Purchasing Policy and is compliant with the Fair Competition Act and the Interprovincial Trade Agreement.

FRP documents outlining instructions & conditions may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, Corporate Office in Lindsay, 705-324-6776, ext. 124.

The Board reserves the right to accept any proposal or part of any proposal or to reject any or all proposals.

Doris Monahan
Chairperson

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Coming Events A940

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Coming Events A940

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Saturday, October 28th

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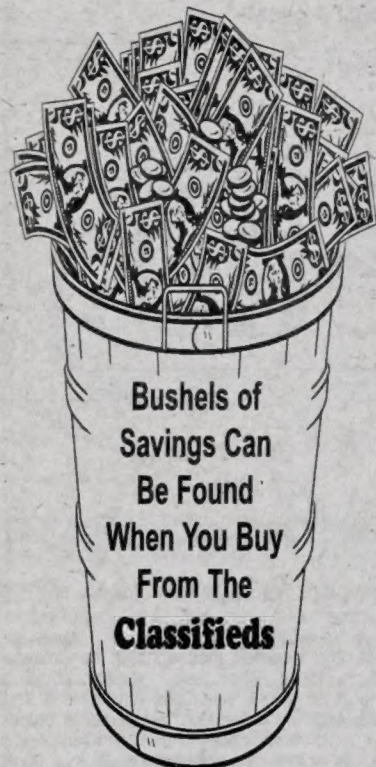
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Thank You Cards

Our Family is Overwhelmed by the caring and compassion shown to us by this community during Gordon's illness and also throughout his visitation, Masonic and Funeral Services. The kindness everyone has shown to our family through the many sympathy cards, on-line condolences, gifts, food, floral tributes, the many generous donations given in Gordon's memory and the offer to help us is so heart warming and appreciated.

A special thank you to Rev. Merv Everall and Rev. Max Ward for their comforting words, The Haliburton County Access Centre, Minden Hospital Doctors, Nurses and Support staff, the Council and Staff of Minden Hills, the staff of the Haliburton County O.P.P., the Minden U.C.W. and the beautiful tributes to Gordon in the Minden Times by Martha Perkins and Bryn Weese. To use Gordon's own words, "What a wonderful community we are privileged to live in"

- The Monk and Cray Families.

WHITE- The family of the late Robert White Jr. would like to express deep and sincere gratitude to all their friends and extended family for their caring and loving support during a very difficult time. The many prayers, cards, flowers, gifts, donations and food have been greatly appreciated... May God Bless each and everyone of you Robert Sr., June, Penny and Lee Anna

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in Lindsay

Deaths

Brenda Teusink (nee Rowbottom)
(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Friday October 13, 2006 in her 52nd year. Dear wife of Fred. Cherished daughter of Donald & Doreen Rowbottom of Wilberforce. Loving sister of Susan (Iner Musclow) of Highland Grove, Donald of Wilberforce, Gail of Lindsay and Paul (Mary Ellen) of Harcourt. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends may call at ST. MARGARET'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Wilberforce, Ontario on Saturday October 21, 2006 at 11 o'clock for a Memorial Service. Interment later South Wilberforce Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

DAWSON, Betty - In loving memory of a dear mother who passed away 4 years ago on October 12, 2002.

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Graveside Service

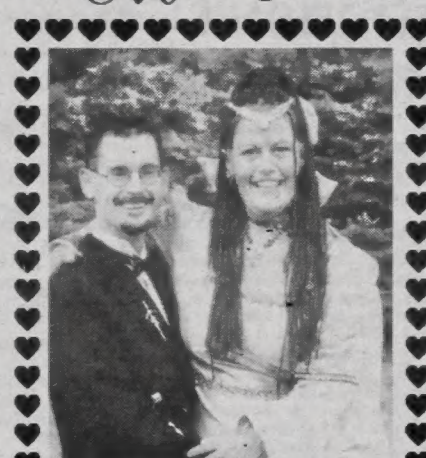
A private Graveside Service will be held. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Card of thanks

AISHFORD, Dolly - We would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who sent such beautiful cards, e-mails and heartfelt messages of condolence and to those who gave their comforting support at Mom's visitations and funeral and honouring her in wearing her favourite colour pink. To Anne and the staff at Campbell's Flowers thank you for making Mom's floral tributes so lovely in every detail. We also want to thank Barry, Kirstin and Sarah at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home and Rev. Paul Irwin for their words of comfort and compassionate handling of the celebration of her life and our final goodbye. Our gratitude to June and Ross Partridge who regularly visited Mom at Hyland Crest and cared for Mom in their very kind and loving way. Extra thanks also go to June for her heartfelt tribute to Mom in her eulogy. It was so special. We thank the Zion U.C.W. for the delicious luncheon at the funeral home after Mom's service. We are grateful to our special friends Melissa and Craig and Dianne and David who prepared food for our friends and family at our home after Mom's service. A very special thank you to Dr. Roos and Dr. Gammon and to everyone at Highland Crest who were so kind and caring to Mom and who became her and our "special family" for the time she was there. At 94 years young, Mom left this world as she lived, quietly and gently, having had a full life in a caring community that touched her heart and ours.

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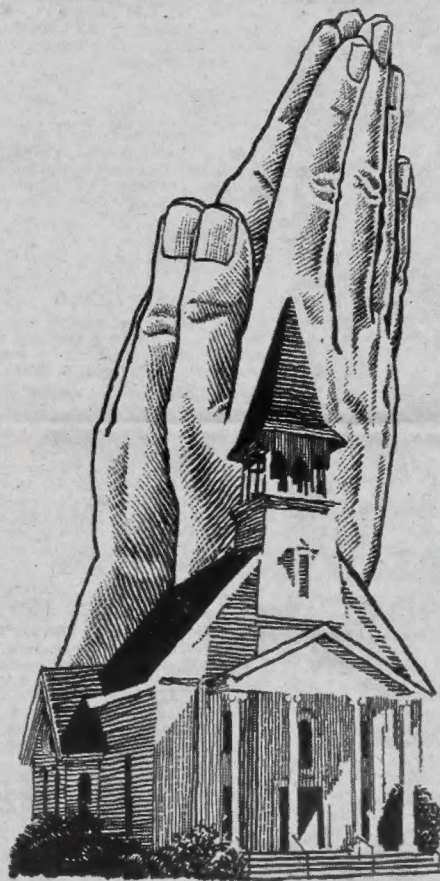
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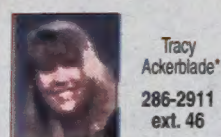
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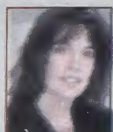


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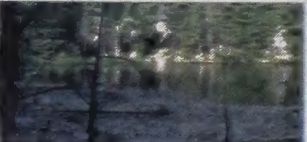


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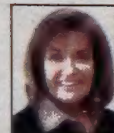
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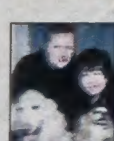
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